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SUBJECT: PRG REPRESENTATION IN AUSTRALIA

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOHN ROWLAND INFORMED ME MARCH 10 THAT REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT PRG INFORMATION OFFICE HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED THROUGH NORTH VIETNAMESE. I TOLD HIM U.S. STRONGLY DISAPPROVED OF SUCH ACTION TO ADD STATURE TO PRG. I ADDED THAT TIMING WAS PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF NORTH VIETNAMESE CURRENT MILITARY BUILD-UP IN VIOLATION PARIS AGREEMENTS. ROWLAND REPLIED THAT I WAS AS AWARE AS HE OF LABOR PARTY RESOLUTION AT TERRIGAL CONFERENCE. OPINIONS IN LABOR PARTY RAN VERY STRONG ON THIS SUBJECT, HE ADDED, AND IN HIS OPINION THE ONLY REMAINING QUESTION WAS WHEN PRG OFFICE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED.

2. COMMENT: GOA IS FULLY AWARE OF OUR POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT AFTER MANY HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIONS IN CANBERRA AND WASHINGTON. FONMIN WILLESEE WILL NOT RETURN TO AUSTRALIA FOR ANOTHER WEEK. UNFORTUNATELY, I DO NOT BELIEVE FURTHER PROTEST TO HIM COULD INFLUENCE GOA DECISION ANYWAY.
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